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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

Hastening to the Inevitable Vortex.

WHETHER it be peace or war, the fact is apparent that the war scare has given an impulse through which a long stride is made by the United States toward the general preparation for the final great culminating struggle. The world's catastrophe, like any other maelstrom, approaches its vortex in an accelerating ratio. We are hastily reaching the great crisis. The love of money, which is the root of all evil, and therefore the great serpent upon which the initiative curse was pronounced, is about to have its idol broken. The gold god is the god of human greed, and the source and regulator of all the legislation enacted throughout the world.

Whether we have peace or war, depends upon the attitude of the money-changer and the influence of either upon the stock brokers' market. It is a fight between the bulls and bears in the stock exchanges of the world. It is not a question of the blowing up of one or two ships of war by a treacherous national fiend, nor of the starving to death of a few hundred thousand reconcentrados. How will it affect the ruling money pirates of the world? This is the practical question, and it reduces itself to a conflict between two classes of financial thieves, the one clamoring for peace, the other for war.

The Congress of the United States is between three fires. The people of the United States have somehow gotten the craze that we ought to whip Spain. They first were in deep sympathy for a people struggling for liberty from a brutal tyranny exercised for the aggrandizement of a foreign usurper. Then they were enraged over a pronounced declaration of war,—the explosion of a mine under the warship Maine,—for which we should

have immediately captured Havana, and which either England or Germany would have done without having first given notice to the Spanish government. The people demand that Congress and the administration do something. This is one of the fires troubling the Congress of the United States.

The administration is practically in the hands of the money power, and the money power is Lombard street. This is the fire that poor McKinley trembles most under. He knows that his way to the White House was purchased with the money of the money broker, and that this power has overcome the public sentiment and the public interest, at least in one great issue. Then, too, Congress is under the fire of politics; for howsoever great the effort to disguise the fact that the policy of the administration is being shaped independently of politics, the question is deep in the heart, How shall we steer the political ship so as not to shipwreck the g. o. p.? Poor Mr. McKinley! He is under a great strain. He thinks of his pledge to the people who voted for him, then of the money power which manipulated that vote, then of the struggle in the Congress of the United States for political supremacy, and between them all the aspect is a dubious one, and he is tired,—so they tell us.

Cuba has a right to her liberty. Cuba knows, America knows, and the world knows, that Spanish treachery and insincerity are so thoroughly inbred that there is but one just course, and that is to wipe her off the face of the earth. There is coming the death struggle of the Latin race. Its entire history has been marked by rapine and blood. Its doom is sealed, and it is in the

purpose of Divinity to obliterate her from among the nations of the earth. It may not come this year, but the time of the end is about full; the cup of human iniquity is running over, and we aver, by divine authority, that the end is at hand, and that the money power is about to receive its death warrant.

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Senator Mason on the Cuban Question.

SENATOR MASON has given, in the following, the best summary of the situation and the relations of the United States with Spain, that has yet been made public. It is concise, direct, honest, and full of loyal Americanism.

The Senator Replies Categorically to Chicago Interviews.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—[Editor of *The Tribune*.]—I beg the privilege of answering the interviews in yesterday's paper, which just came.

Mr. Elson Keith says: "I think Senator Mason makes a great mistake in saying that Spain blew up the Maine." My answer is that under the order of General Weyler, which has not yet been published, but which is known to every Senator, every ounce of all explosives was absolutely and entirely under the control of the Spanish government, and I say what is approved by every student of international law, that the discharge of a mine is the same as the discharge of a cannon, and after reading Mr. Keith's interview I hope he will excuse me if he and Mr. Wharton disagree.

I have also read the interview of Mr. Sprague, where he says: "Spain would not have dared to blow up the Maine." Mr. Sprague is right, but if he had read the diplomatic correspondence from Washington down to and including Cleveland, he would have known that Spain always does its principal work in the night and disavows it in the morning. Mr. Sprague says: "If Spain blew up the Maine I believe she would make reparation that would be satisfactory to this country." I know Mr. Sprague. I cannot think he made this statement. The only reparation that Spain can make will be dishonor to her own flag. He says further that "the board of inquiry was unable to fix responsibility." He is entirely mistaken. The board declines to fix responsibility on "person or persons," but I know that the board fixes it upon Spain.

I have also read the interview of Mr. Cudahy, in which he says: "The policy of the government should be made by the Chief Executive." I regard Mr. Cudahy as one of our best citizens. In the press of business he has not had time to read our Constitution, which says that Congress alone can declare war. I should be very glad to shirk responsibility and leave it to the President, if the Constitution had put the responsibility upon the President and not upon Congress.

I have also read the opinion of Mr. Selfridge, of the firm of Marshall Field & Co., whom I am pleased to call my friend, and who, in a moment of excitement says: "Senator Mason falls short of representing the people of the State." He also says: "That there was not the slightest proof that Spain had blown up the Maine." My answer to Mr. Selfridge is, that in his busy moments to look after the interests of his firm, he had not read the evidence in the case nor the rule of international law laid down by Wharton.

I have read also the interview of Mr. Felix of Felix & Marston, and agree with him except that he is entirely mistaken when he says that "other nations have the same ground for intervention." Mr. Felix does not stop to consider the Monroe doctrine.

I have also read the very fair statement of Mr. Ehling of Gage Bros. & Co. He also seems to forget that the Constitution fixes the responsibility on Congress and not on the President, and when he suggests that we should give ten days or two weeks, he seems to have forgotten that we have given them nearly three years.

I have also read the interview of Mr. Parrottet, who says: "We do not want to see a fight if it can be helped." I quite agree with him, but I don't see how that can be helped after Spain has lowered our flag, sunk our ship, and murdered 266 American citizens.

I have also read the interview of Mr. Sels of Sels, Schwab & Co. He says: "Spain has owned that island for centuries, and has as much right to it as this country has to the State of Maine." Spain has no right to govern that island without that island's consent. This was the proposition of Lincoln, and it was sustained in the arbitration of war.

I have also read the interview of Mr. Albert W. Kohn of Kohn Bros., who says: "As for Senator Mason, I think he is playing to the grand stand." I desire to say, that as a rule the people are in the grand stand, and Lincoln said, "Keep close to the people," which means keep close to the grand stand. If the bucketshops imagine for a minute that I am looking for reelection, I call attention to the fact that my time does not expire until 1903; therefore, it will be useless and worse than childish to talk about playing to the grand stand.

My answer is the same answer I gave yesterday. I have studied international law for twenty five years, and I am familiar with Spanish diplomacy for more than 100 years, as it is laid down in the books. I know that the government of Spain has murdered 266 American citizens, and leaving out the 250,000 women and children they have murdered in Cuba, I am for a declaration of war. I do not expect the approval of those gentlemen who fear that the defense of our nation's honor may interfere with one of their dollars, and if the hour of justification does not come in my time, my children or my children's children may learn of it. —WILLIAM E. MASON.

From the moment of the first report that the Maine with its nearly three hundred noble Americans was destroyed, we knew where the responsibility rested. We knew as well, that the course of events leading to the settlement of this issue would be conducted on the lines of the commercial interests of Lombard street, manipulated from Wallstreet. While Senator Mason's attitude is the correct one, and though having the sympathy of the masses of the people, the power behind the throne will still endeavor to shape the policy of the country. The dear little children of the administration cannot endure the cords of the party lash, for any great length of time, and they will be whipped into line under the instigation of Mark Hanna, who has said "there will be no war;" and Mark will not allow himself to play the role of the false prophet if he can help it. His reputation and commercial interests are both at stake. Mr. McKinley owes too much to Mark Hanna to stake any chances on his friend's antagonism and the antagonism of Wall street, which made this administration and proposes to manipulate it. The following is a plank of the platform upon which President McKinley entered upon his present incumbency:

From the hour of achieving their own independence, the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American people to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty. The government of Spain having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

We all know that party platforms are mere sops to the people; that they are used to hoodwink voters, and made expressly to be broken. This plank was instituted as an express disapproval of the Cleveland policy, —a policy which, so far as it relates to the Cuban question, has been continued over into this administration. When Wall street advocates peace, it does so upon a purely speculative basis, and with the ulterior purpose of sucking the blood of the millions of people who are being reduced to pauperism and as bad a system of starvation as that instituted by the Spanish government, to which the poor Cubans are subject. The world needs peace, but it never will come while armies and navies are made to menace each other from mercenary and pusillanimous motives. We are for peace, but we know it will come through blood, and that the very measures instituted by the great nations of the world upon the predication of self-defense, will constitute the aggressive and desolating measures in which the age will culminate. When the angels said, "Peace on earth, good will to men," they did not assume that great armies and navies were the means to be employed to perpetuate peace.

We have before us a circular issued from the office of Carley, Stokes & Co., of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad street, New York, to their customers:

It is not the purpose of this publication to attempt the disclosure of temporary market movements, except in a limited degree. It is our effort to enable our correspondents to discern the important influences which create the radical changes in markets, and to note the earliest indications possible of coming developments. Except in editorial comment, there is no attempt at originality. On the contrary, our plan is to bring together in compact form, all important facts and controlling opinions which underlie and ultimately control the great movements in finance. Our correspondents will find it advantageous to preserve these circulars and review them from time to time.

Following this announcement is Mr. Carley's statement, dated March 21, in which he says:

I venture the following prediction: The New Parliament in Spain will favor Sagasta. This will put Sagasta and the Cortes in control of the Spanish situation. I also predict that the United States Congress will take some aggressive action, probably recognizing the independence of Cuba, and the whole matter will then be eliminated from Congressional debate. Speaker Reed will keep other movements out of Congress. After recognizing the independence of Cuba, the United States will say to Spain, virtually, what are you going to do about it? It will then be left to Spain to initiate a war if she cares to. I also predict that the result of it will be that Sagasta and President McKinley will enter into negotiations which will ultimately end in peace. Meanwhile the Cuban insurgents, strengthened by supplies and probably by men from the United States, will attempt during the summer to drive out the Spaniards, and may probably succeed. Possibly Sagasta will accept, after these developments, Cuban bonds. There will be no war. If the skies clear in the way I now believe, the market will be a certain purchase during this week.

The world may rest assured that all the fuss about war and millions for defense, is upon the basis of a secret understanding between the administration and the gold gamblers, and that the mobilization of our navy is

manipulated by these same gamblers, as a blind, but that in reality it is one more step toward the bondage of the masses.

The Wall street speculators desire to manipulate more government bonds, but as the masses are, on general principles, averse to their issue, some special excitement, such as the blowing up of the Maine, must be taken advantage of to extort from the people what they would, under ordinary circumstances, most emphatically denounce. The people are the same blind, patient asses that they have been for the last thirty years, and this condition will continue until the ass will no longer carry the great burden imposed by the gold power. Then will come the crisis.

We quote further from Mr. Carley, the mouthpiece of Wall street, under date of March 28. Please note these dates. He says:

When we cross the ocean and come among our own furious people, we find this situation perplexing. The Republican party had resolutions in its platform that Cuba should be free, and the Democratic party has put it into a thousand vociferous speeches. Both parties therefore are striving to keep ahead of each other in support of Cuban intervention. This renders the situation very difficult for President McKinley. The members of Congress are so anxious to please their constituents and go home in a halo of war glory, that they are prepared to act without prudence and much less without statesmanship. However, the strong and far-seeing members of the Senate and House, including both parties, are many of them desirous of avoiding war, if possible. President McKinley is proving to be one of the greatest statesmen of history. From all the information we can get, and from careful and continuous study of the situation at Washington, we have come to the conclusion that Congress will act with remarkable unanimity about something or other, but we do not believe that "something" will be such that Sagasta will be compelled to call it war. After Congress has flashed its gunpowder, the whole subject will drift into the hands of President McKinley. Then we will see President McKinley and Sagasta working together for peace. The trouble lies in Congress in the immediate future. If President McKinley with the aid of Speaker Reed and other hienentians can guide Congress through the next few days without doing something which virtually amounts to a declaration of war, we believe the enactments of Congress, whatever they are, will be such as to virtually eliminate Congress from Spanish entanglements. The moment that Congress gets cut loose from this question, we may rely upon President McKinley with confidence.

Take note of the statement that "President McKinley [in the estimation of the Wall street gamblers] is proving to be one of the greatest statesmen in history," which means that he is even a better tool for Wall and Lombard streets than Grover himself, and especially if Wall street can "virtually eliminate Congress from Spanish entanglements. The moment that Congress gets cut loose from this question, we may rely [says Wall street, through Carley] upon President McKinley with confidence." It resolves itself, then, to this issue: Will Congress be forced by the people to liberate Cuba despite Wall street, or will Wall street whip Congress into line, under Hanna, making McKinley the tool and king's fool of the Rothschilds?



The dark or medieval ages were the result of the natural declension of the church in its passage through the processes of regeneration.

So called money is not a convenience of commercial exchange, but an encumbrance, rather, to mercantile transactions.

All in the Interests of Peace!

THE greed of nations in the very violation of the principles of the Lord's righteousness, hastens the world to the final precipitation and its culminating catastrophe. The fear of all nations has come. The British lion trembles for its coming inevitable conflict with the Northern bear. The nations are augmenting the power of their armies and navies. Is it because the spirit of Christ and peace possesses them?

England has become the great commercial cormorant of the world. From the fact that she is the money-lending power, her commercial interests impel the maintenance of a vast navy, and because of her commercial greatness she is able to maintain it. The weakness of the United States resides in the fact that she is the money borrower, and it is for the interests of Wall street that she remain such. The people of the United States are gradually being educated to a knowledge of the fact, that it is not profitable to borrow money during a time of peace, when there is no emergency, while during a time of war the nation can create it, and through actual experience prove the potency of its fiat.

It is for the intellectual growth of the common people at the expense of the religious and ethical, that we are to look for that final crisis in which the nineteenth century cracks its doom. This century will end through war. Its culmination in peace will be when there has been the final great struggle of the age, into which merge all the cumulative engenderings of the dispensation. The Jewish age ended with the destruction of Jerusalem

and the scattering of the Jewish church and people. This dispensation is no exception to this general and perpetual rule. Every prophet in every age has been a calamity howler, in the estimation of such as are given over to the greed and fictitious pleasures which sordid accumulations provide.

The age is hastening to its culmination, and it will end in a destruction commensurate with its prostitution of the principles of righteousness in which it was inaugurated. We raise the warning voice only for such as God will call to avoid the catastrophe by coming out of the great Babylon, forsaking her sins and escaping the plagues to come. The Christian age and church came into being upon the basis of the principles of communism; its destruction will come through the violation of communism and the substitution of competition. The cup of commercial iniquity is full, and the government of the United States is in no wise backward in commercial prostitution. The commercial power manipulating the halls of legislation has dared to defy the people, and until now has done so with impunity; but the time seems to have arrived when Congress fears longer to follow the leadership of Lombard street in defiance of the public demand. Right or wrong, the people begin to understand the duplicity and treachery of Spain, and this knowledge may be the means of precipitating the great conflict which, though beginning apparently in the interests of a downtrodden people, will end in the great conflict of Gog and Magog, in which prophecy has determined the age shall culminate.

On the Point of the Sword.

The Danger of Denouncing the Devil.

FRANCE is the holder of Spanish bonds;—to demolish Spain will damage France. France is in sympathy with Russia;—to demolish Spain will financially cripple France,—hence English love for America. What hurts France hurts Russia; what hurts Spain hurts France,—therefore England's friendship for, and France's animosity toward the United States. War between the United States and Spain will not be likely to end with these two nations. The world's crisis involves more than this—The old earth (the governments of the world) is about to be demolished.

Never in the history of the world has a prophet been respected in his day, who proclaimed destruction, or who dared to declare the truth in opposition to the deceptive announcements of the optimists of any age. It is not popular, nor has it ever been, to proclaim the truth. The prophets who have dared to be so foolhardy have been destroyed. The Lord himself, with all his rights of supreme inheritance and authority, was compelled to succumb to the popular clamor. The virtue of divine prerogative was no exemption from the venom of the popular prostitutions of his day. One of the most flagrant objective points of his condemnation

was the stock gamblers of his time, and as he then with a whip of small cords drove out the money-changers, so now in the fulness of the times and conditions of iniquity, will he scourge the temple of his body (the humanity) of this terrible curse. The nations of the world are not building navies and recruiting armies for the sake of peace. In these exhibitions of power may be seen the purposes of the divine vengeance. These are merely words of warning, but who will hear?

The observations and experiences of the last few years have shown to the critical observer, that it lies within the discretion of the stock gambler to so manipulate events as to provide for what may be denominated good or bad times. Of course, we all know that good times imply good times for the gambler in the world's markets. If Lombard and Wall streets unite in making hard times for political purposes, then we necessarily have hard times. If they unite in saying good times, then we have good times. Good or bad times never affect the wage slave; it is always the same with him. He is always under the iron heel of competition and oppression, and will remain so until the end brings the destruction of the competitive system and wage slavery, and substitutes divine communism, which will inevitably accrue as the result of human progress regenerating from the implantation of the germ of righteousness when this age began.

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Mercury, the Divine Messenger.

The Girl and the Vala (No. 7).

BY REV. E. M. CASTLE.

THE Girl went eagerly to the trysting place beside the stream, and as she moved along the familiar path to the sweet familiar spot, each tree and branch and twig, each stone and flower, with silent voice called up the memory of words of wisdom there spoken, of images of truth there seen. The Vala awaited her beneath the Cedar, with outstretched hands and welcoming voice; but as the Girl seated herself at the feet of Wisdom, impetuously she began to speak.

"Ever since I saw you last, over and over in my mind have repeated themselves the words Shakespeare put into the mouth of Timon:

I'll example you with thievery:

The sun's a thief, and with his great attraction
Robs the vast sea: the moon's an arrant thief,
And her pale fire she snatches from the sun:
The sea's a thief, whose liquid surge resolves
The moon into salt tears: the earth's a thief,
And feeds and breeds by a composture stolen
From general excrement: each thing's a thief.

"Ay," said the Vala; and the ineffable repose of the assent at once relaxed the Girl's tension; and she smiled expectantly up into the face above her. "Until creation is completed in Shiloh, and the reign of white-winged peace extends through the universe, each thing's a thief; even God is under the curse while the work of creation is in progress. Then, as she saw the quick light of question spring to the Girl's eyes, she added, "But let this thought rest for the nonce. Today I shall tell you of Mercury."

Brightly the Girl smiled. "Ah, yes; let me hear the truth regarding that cunning, crafty one, who was so kindly and droll withal, that even when he cheated he charmed."

The Vala flashed a smile in answer; then spoke gravely. "Purblind modern thought, with its disdainful attitude towards ancient story, knows not the depth of wisdom sleeping here, ready to wake into myriad sparkles of light when touched by the hand of power; knows not the treasures crystalized here, ready to melt and pour forth streams of truth when touched by a breath from the heart of love. This all-experienced one, embracing in his mighty circuit Olympus, Earth, and Hades, mediator between gods and men, known to the Egyptians as Thoth, later to the Greeks in Egypt as Hermes Trismegistus, to the Romans as Terminus and again as Mercurius, was by the Greeks called Hermes, from the idea of a pillar or support; for he is that hero of John's revelation who becomes a pillar in the temple of God. And well indeed may he be named Trismegistus, for he is that thrice-greatest pillar of Beauty in the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Temple, the union in a third of all that is in the other two—the pillars of Strength and Wisdom.

This is the pillar of that Hiram who was arbiter between king Solomon and king Hiram of Tyre, the skilful Master-builder whose cunning craft could unite the wisdom of one with the power of the other to bring into being beauty; thus was he thrice-greatest. As messenger and plenipotentiary of the immortals, concerned in all alliances and treaties,—as the ancients represented Mercury,—and as protector of flocks and herds, is he that Shepherd of whom the majestic Hebrew Isaiah prophesied, who should perform all God's pleasure, that Messenger of the Covenant whom Malachi declared. Roman, Grecian, Egyptian, Hebrew story, all declare, all describe, this supremely attractive one. All point to and foreshadow what is a living reality in this hour."

"And do the symbols that represented Mercury, the stories told of his attainments and exploits, indicate the office of one who lives today?"

"They point to the climax of all attainment, that highest round of the ladder which reaches the key of the arch, or beginning, of creation. And from the key idea evolve and about it revolve all conceptions of Mercury's attributes, attainments, and exploits. The key is the power of locking and unlocking, binding and loosing; and he who possesses the essential key may have access to the arcana of ages, and the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places. From the Greek *kleis*, key, comes *klepto*, to steal, also *klemma*, another form of the same word, meaning a theft or thing stolen. This word, in its origin, did not necessarily express a discreditable action—being susceptible of antithetical application. It conveyed the idea of secret, concealed, or unobserved accomplishment. It is identical with the word *kruptos*, to cover, or hide, this change of *l* to *r* being not uncommon in the Greek. And you may know that there can be no dishonor in the word when applied in righteousness,—and Isaiah declares that in righteousness is this Shepherd, or Messenger, raised up—for it is the Hebrew equivalent of this word that Solomon uses when he declares, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing." Its noun, *secret*, is used by David when praising the Lord for hiding in the secret of his presence, them that trust him.

"In the Greek tongue there are two words for the tortoise, the creature so closely associated with the Hermetic idea. One of these words is *klemmus*, from *klemma*, from *klepto*, to filch. The ancients rightfully conceived the tortoise to be the ultimate support of all creation; which conception the foolish modern mind, blinking in the present twilight that succeeds the mediæval night when men slept the sodden sleep of forgetfulness, has ignorantly distorted, and now scoffs at its own distortion while impudently imputing it to the ancients. *Climax*, the topmost round, or summit, of

the ladder, has primarily the same significance. This also means the key, or pass,—supremely, the strait gate that leads to life. On an ancient coast was the Climax, a narrow strait where the mountains came down to the sea, impassable at times because of the pulsing tide; but he who marked well the time and manner of entering in, might safely pass through this strait gate.

"The other word for the tortoise, in the Greek tongue, is *chelus*. It expresses in one word the union of Divine Principle with chaos, which they conceived to be the origin of the 'primal nature powers' from which all creation progresses. The word *chelus* is formed by dividing *chaos*, placing the letter *Lambda*, the symbol of the Almighty vitalizing power, in the middle of the word *chaos*, the change of vowels resulting naturally,—according to the nature of these most fluent sounds, so readily flexed,—from the introduction of the new element. Originally they saw truly, those clear-eyed Hellenes, children of the sun! It is the introduction of the Deific element that conquers chaos and reduces it to order. This element divides chaos, becoming the cause and center of a vortex of opposing forces—a vortex of transmutation, which is creation. Thus it is that order is created out of chaos. Here is the highest application of the precept, Divide and conquer! And your English word *tortoise*, from the Latin *torqueo*, to twist, or vortex, expresses the same truth. Well does the animal thus named, for names as originally bestowed truly expressed attributes, symbolize the climax and support, the key-stone, of all creation!"

With absorbed interest the Girl heard, and by the light that entered her mind from the speaker's, readily understood; and saw how from a long use of words in their perverted sense, man was barred from reading aright the record of ancient lore.

"What meant Mercury's theft of the oxen? It was, as I remember, immediately after this theft that he prophesied the tortoise should sing for ages, and made the lyre by putting strings to its shell."

"Your question is fittingly placed," said the Vala; "and the truth may be clearer to your mind if today we confine our consideration to the Greek idea. Another day I shall re-enforce for you this same truth, by a

view of it through the medium of the story of Thoth—the Egyptian Mercury—who was identified with the dog-star, Sirius, and whose terrestrial symbol is the gazelle. Mercury stole the oxen of Admetus, you remember. The ox is the symbol of commercial liberty,—commerce being life,—and commercial liberty being the liberty, or power, to appropriate the products of life. Admetus is merely a poetic term meaning the unyoked, or unmarried, the unsubdued; and robbing Admetus of his oxen means depriving those not married, or bound, to God through Religion in which is the yoke of his Christ—of the liberty to longer appropriate —misappropriate, the products of life; and this applies in all domains. *Adamant* means the same as *Adame-tus*, and originally applied to the heart of stone possessed by those not yet subdued by the power of the Christ. His driving the oxen backwards into the cave, indicates a reversal of the method of commercial procedure. Thus he limits and dams back the wastes of unrighteous commercial indulgence in all domains. And even this is his office as the god of boundaries, the office of Hermes that was personified to the Romans in the god Terminus. And, Girl, as god of boundaries it is his office to determine and point out the limits and confines of the universe. And through this determination of the limits of the universe, he directs the confession by man of the humanity of God. The symbol of this confession is the harp, or lyre. Understanding what the tortoise is, you may see that the shell of the tortoise is the shell of the universe. To fix strings, or cords, to the shell is to determine the chord of arc from which is made evident to men the true limits of the universe; it is spanning the arch of creation. But this is a story in itself."

"And Caduceus?"

"It is the same story; and, O Girl, a wonderful story! the reconciliation of the two serpents in Arcadia, the beginning! the reconciliation of external fact with eternal truth, and man, the maker of facts, with God, the Creator of Truth!"

And as she moved into the wood the Girl wondered over her last words, and could not understand; but rested in the thought that all would be made clear in future instruction.

In the Editorial Perspective.

IF EVIDENCES amount to anything, the end of the age is here! The evidences are unmistakably dotted here and there by dates of prophetic chronology; by the great dial of the physical heavens, the movement of the colure on the ecliptic in the precession of the equinoxes; the rapid acceleration of all the energies of humanity and of nature penciling toward the focal point of time, of location, and of man. The struggle of the people for liberty cannot last always—they must either perish in the conflict, or live in triumph over the various forms of oppression in the world. The hour of battle approaches, the most stupendous conflict the world has ever seen, involving greater numbers of mankind, the marshaling of a greater volume of forces than ever before. Light and darkness, truth and fallacy,

good and evil, have moved along the planes of progression and metamorphosis for thousands of years, and now the mightiest revolution of the age is approaching. This is not a wild war cry, but the calm conclusion of Koreshan Science. The Founder of Koreshanity sounds the warning; he designates who, what, where, and when. Mark the prophecies; in future years the truthfulness of his statements will stand out in relief above the world's fallacies, and his voice will be sought and heard above the din and confusion of the battles of the revolution!

There is such a thing as the "new" astronomy, in the absence of sense enough on the part of its originators to name it anything else. People generally are not aware that gradually unfolding from the older phases of popular astronomy, come

the new features of fallacy, known as the New Astronomy. It is a polite endeavor to get rid of the older absurdities of astronomy by the quiet substitution of new ones. The "new" astronomy discards all previous theories of gravitation, the laws of Kepler, the hypotheses of Herschel, and withal, the crude ideas of Copernicus. The idea is to make some new discoveries; too much honor has been given to the older astronomers who did not know, and now there must be room for the younger ones who do not know! The "new" astronomy embraces the astrophysics of Langley, Keeler, Burnham, and See. Now watch it: the fallacies of popular astronomy will change entirely, and thousands will never know the difference! But for THE FLAMING SWORD the world would never know that there is any other alternative but to accept the "scientific" world desires to give it. Koreshan Cosmogony is not patchwork, but a complete system in itself, the absolute antithesis of all modern scientific conclusions.

Typical of the modern conception of the moon, a great lunar model will soon be erected in Chicago. For years it has been stored away because of unpaid freight charges. It is a useless mass of plaster, decorated with little hills and undulations to suit the fancy of the modern astronomer. The hemisphere is about twenty feet in diameter, and is now placed on exhibition at the Columbian Field Museum at Chicago. The moon of modern astronomy is useless and dead, nothing but a burden to the earth,—like the model has proven to be to its originators, and fit only for exhibition. It is a monument of astronomical ignorance. It resembles the moon in appearance—to the "practiced eye;" but even the best of them have been fooled—would it not be scientifically amusing (as it is to us now!) if it should turn out that the so called protuberances on the moon are depressions? The moon is of some use; it possesses the same functions that it had trillions and trillions of ages ago—the same functions that it has had ever since, and will always have. The sun is electric, the moon is magnetic; the visible sun is projected from the center of the earth, the moon from the circumference, the concave shell.

As an example of the flagrant falsehoods which the daily newspapers invent, we refer to the report last week that the Spanish torpedo flotilla had arrived at Porto Rico, and was to be joined immediately by the two warships at Havana. It now turns out that the flotilla has been crippled by storm at the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa, and is no nearer Cuba than when the fleet left Spain. The people wondered at the quick trip of the flotilla across the Atlantic; they can now wonder at the quick time back again! The climax is reached in the "official" denial that the flotilla stopped on account of storm, and in the statement of the press that the flotilla is expected in the port in the West Indies in a few days.

Rev. Heber Newton says that he has no confidence in any faith which is not capable of a scientific basis. Of course, we agree with him, just taking the bare words that no religion is worth anything today that has not science as its foundation. But do you know what the reverend gentleman does? He makes the statement, and then undertakes to show the inquirer through a lot of scientific bosh! The religion that he has confidence in is "higher criticism," which is founded upon the rank fallacies of modern astronomy and chemistry. Koreshanity is founded upon Science—upon a science that is true. The fact is, that the Rev. Newton has no confidence in the religion that *is* founded upon demonstrated science.

Now that the Americo Spanish war is so nearly a fact, especially since Spain has struck the first blow on the Maine, it is safe for astrologers to predict a little "brush" with Spain!

After they find out what parties are to be engaged on the problem, it is easy to hunt up constellations and planets to fit; but it is not quite so easy to take the planets and constellations and select the nations that are to be involved in the struggle that shall close the dispensation. Koreshan Astro-anthroposophy considers more scientific elements and factors in a single thought in its predictions, than are involved in so called astrology in a whole year's effort at prognostication.

The Sixteenth Page is now within the range of your perspective as well as ours—the transformation has been made. It will adorn the back page of THE FLAMING SWORD permanently, to the consternation of many who would rather not see it at all! It is for you to look at this week; we do not want to spoil your ability to study it out by presenting an explanation of the details with its first appearance. In a future number we will explain a few of the principal features involved in the drawing. For the present it will explain itself. You can now have your say about it, and then we will have ours.

Some people are eager to have the government of the United States founded on the laws of Moses—that is, some laws of Moses. Perhaps the bare moral code, which the people do not understand, would be sufficient—not the laws governing land ownership, certainly. Under the Mosaic Theocracy, land contracts were disannulled every fifty years. This prevented the possibility of grabbing land through wholesale land grants by corporations, and of course such a scheme would not work today.

A priest in New York has advised the Catholics that in case of war in Spain they must take up arms against the United States for the Dons. The priest evidently thinks that it is time for the revival of Catholic cruelty through the nation that has proven itself to contain the most faithful following—Spain.

The "justice" of France now convicts itself. The Zola sentence cannot be executed because it is irregular and illegal. If it will turn its attention to the Dreyfus case once more, it will prove Zola's charges against the officers of the French army and government. The Franks are not frank enough!

It is said that "experience is a dear school, and fools will learn in no other." In that case, the Almighty must have been a fool, as well as everybody else, for the only way that we know of obtaining knowledge is by experience. That's learning that *is* learning; book learning is nonsense.

After the government of the United States has intervened to free Cuba from tyrant Spain, it should intervene to free its own citizens from the grasp of hunger and hard times. It may be more liberal abroad for show than to our own people in dire distress.

Should the Spanish-American "strained" relations result in actual war, thousands would find employment, fiat money would be put into circulation, and a general but transient stimulus of the commerce of the world would result.

One fourth of the inhabitants of Cuba are maintained by American charity. The United States will not permit Spain to continue the work that has made charitable distribution of food necessary.

This is a period of "prosperity" and plenty. There is a plentiful lack of employment for thousands of American citizens.

Happiness is like the will-o'-the-wisp: the closer you get to it, the farther it is away!

At the present time, the vitellus of the great egg of competition is in the yoke. Competition is a sell.

Interrogation Points and Other Punctuations.

Distance to Sun, and Moon's Phases.

Will you be kind enough to answer, in the next issue of THE PLAINMAN, for the benefit of a class of students deeply interested in the Koreshan Cosmogony, the following questions: (1) Copernican astronomers claim that the sun is nearer the earth in winter than in summer. Is this also according to the Koreshan System? (2) Please explain the Moon's Phases, new moon, first quarter, full moon, etc.—Class, Denver, Colo.

(1) The hypothesis of the old school astronomers, that the sun is 3,000,000 miles nearer the earth in our winter than in summer, is devised to explain the apparent increase in the diameter of the projected or visible sun in our winter. This is no proof that it is really nearer, for some other cause operates to increase the diameter of the disc—that of difference in temperature, and the difference in quality of energies generated in the central sun, which operate to produce the change of seasons. The visible sun being the image of the solar vortex, and not a solid body as is supposed, is subject to all the variations in size which the central solar sphere experiences. There is some difference in the distance to the visible sun, but no material difference. In the Koreshan Cosmogony, we calculate the vertical distance to the sun, from points on the earth directly beneath the visible projection, to be about 1,000 miles. The sun is nearer Chicago during our summer than it is when 47° further south, in our winter. (2) The real moon is the mineral and geologic strata of the earth, upon which the sun is constantly shining—covering one hemisphere at any given moment. The material crust of the earth has a corresponding sphere of force in the physical heavens, a little larger in diameter than the sea of hydrogen; this is the lunar sphere. It receives the lunar energies generated in the crust. This sphere has poles of force, the light pole of which is visible. The lunar sphere revolves in the heavens from west to east once in 27 days, and the appearance of the light pole to the eye at any point on the earth's surface, depends upon the relation the pole sustains to the light and dark hemispheres of the earth. When the moon is new, or nearly between us and the sun, it reflects dark rays, because it is on the light side of the earth—the same side as the sun. When the moon is full it reflects light rays, because it is on the dark side of the earth. The first and third quarters of the moon occupy positions midway between the lunar extremes. The surface of the visible moon in the sky is a picture of the outer surface of the outermost mineral stratum

in the shell of the earth, modified by the X-ray impressions of all the substances above the outermost mineral stratum. The reflections are from the metallic mirrors. Please refer to page 16, for cuts showing position of the moon at third quarter—directly on the meridian at sunrise.

"Scientists" Won't Consider Our Facts.

(1) I am pretty certain that the earth has no diurnal nor annual motion, and I think the flat theory is more likely true than the concave. (2) You will never convince the world with short measurements, with little rods and stakes marked off by sixteenths of an inch. (3) Why don't you get a good telescope, mount it in Chicago, and focus it on St. Louis? You would have a concavity of seven or eight miles. (4) Get the editors of papers and faculty of the great University there, and let them see and believe and certify to the fact of the concavity, if it be a fact. I just make this as a suggestion.—J. A., Philadelphia, Pa.

(1) We are not merely pretty certain that the earth has no diurnal nor annual motion, but we *know* that it has not. The man who only half knows a thing, does not know it all surely. The way we know that the earth has no diurnal motion, is because we know that it is concave, and such a motion is not required to produce day and night. The rational mind will not remain satisfied with likelihoods; likelihoods are guesses; conclusions from known premises are absolute. (2) Who said that we would convince the world by such processes as you mention? We have never employed them. (3) The reason that we do not undertake such an experiment as you propose is, that we do only rational things—for the simple reason that we know that St. Louis can not be seen from Chicago, and could not from any kind of a surface one might imagine to exist between the two cities. Geolinear foreshortening and vertical perspective are factors to be taken into consideration in the study of visual phenomena. The very conditions which operate to prevent extended views over the earth's surface from low altitudes, prove the character of the surface on which we live. But what is the trouble with your mathematics? The real concavity between Chicago and St. Louis is only about $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles. (4) You should make these suggestions to the advocates of the flat theory as well. We have had years of experience in the matter of endeavoring to get "scientific" men to look at our facts. You think that every "scientific" man in the world would be willing and anxious to investigate actual facts and evidences offered in support of any new theory of science? If so, there

is where you are mistaken. They won't do it, and it is impossible to persuade, force, or hire them to go into the field of observation of facts which overthrow the theories in which they are entrenched, and upon which their salaries depend.

Early Geodetic Operations.

(1) Refer to Draper's History of the Conflict between Religion and Science, page 109, and note the measurement of a degree of a great circle upon the earth, by Al-Mamun, in the interest of science and religion. Did not the great caliph, considering his limited means, come nearest establishing the globular form? (2) On page 117 it states: "They understood the phenomena of reflection and refraction of light. Al-Beyh made the discovery of the curvilinear path of a ray of light through the atmosphere, and proved that we see the sun and moon before they have risen, and after they have set.—J. N., Minneapolis, Minn.

Thanks for the citation. Yes, Al-Mamun, the Arabian astronomer and caliph of Bagdad, came near the mark of the circumference of the arc he measured. Of course he did not determine, because he did not employ the methods involving the possibility of doing so, whether the arc is convex or concave. There are just as many degrees on the inside of a circle as there are outside. The only thing he did was to approximate the circumference of the arc. Of course, he contributed evidence of the globular form, but of the concave globular form. (2) Even today astronomers admit that light is not propagated in straight lines, at all times, except when this principle is used in the Koreshan Cosmogony to explain the phenomenon of the concave appearance of the convex heavens, the phenomena of sunrise and sunset, then they object. Admitting curvilinear of light, they make calculations of star distances from stellar parallax. If they should make a mistake of a thousandth part of a second of a degree, they say it would throw them out over 200,000,000,000,000 miles, and at the same time they know that refraction through the atmosphere displaces the stars a number of seconds of a degree. The chances for error are a million times greater than the accuracy of their instruments!

J. Isaac H., Winchester, Va.—We note the contents of your letter, and see a little misapprehension of our scientific System. The gold stratum of the earth is the outermost division of the metallic shell, about 100 miles below the surface. The gold in the earth accessible to man comes from the sun instead of from the shell directly. We have shown repeatedly that gold can be manufactured from sea-water, and from the gold ether

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rays descending from the sun; this belongs to the department of Alchemy of the Koreshan System. The manufacture of gold will never help the world, except so far as to give temporary impetus to commerce, a stimulus; then destruction of the money power from depreciation of the commodity, or rather a destruction of the money trust. The Founder of the Koreshan System does not desire to contribute his knowledges of the laws of transmutation or his energies to any "settlement" of the money problem except the true one, the demonetization of gold and silver, and the recognition of labor as the only true and real capital of the world. The wonderful discoveries for the world's greatest benefit will be reserved until the establishment of the new order, when the application of the principles of good and truth will be made in every department of society and life.

Questions Are Welcome.

Everybody, Everywhere.—The Question department is proving interesting to all our readers. It has entertained many of you profitably, and will continue to do so. We devote this department to brief answers—just hints, so you will be enabled to think out matters for yourself mostly—that is, all the details, from the suggestions we give. We reply cordially, and you are all welcome to all that we can crowd into this department. So come on with your questions, and in turn your questions will receive attention. You have done well so far, and we think that we have pleased you. This is a question department that is a question department.

Anybody, Anywhere.—THE FLAMING SWORD is progressive. From time to time we have added new features, and from time to time we shall continue to do so. If you do not continue to receive THE SWORD, you are likely to miss some important steps in Koreshan journalism—journalism that is journalism!

Mrs. O. M. C., San Francisco, Cal.—Your encouraging letter is appreciated. Glad to know of your continued interest, and of your desire to assist in the circulation of THE FLAMING SWORD. We will continue sending it to you, and will expect you to do what you can. Can you not obtain three or four subscribers this spring?

E. B., Salt Lake City, Utah.—Thanks for favor with \$2 enclosed: the previous remittances you refer to were received. We noted your question in a previous letter, and we will take up the subject of ether vibrations, personal magnetism, etc., your suggestion, in a future issue of THE SWORD.

The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

I am anxiously awaiting the NEW GEODESY you are preparing, and trust as soon as you have it ready you will send the six copies I ordered, without delay, as they will be of great assistance to me in spreading the light of truth. I have principals of schools and ministers of churches reading THE SWORD at this place. The new theory of the earth is being talked of on the streets and in public gatherings, and while many deny the truth, others are honestly seeking it. I am doing what I can to help them, and I need whatever assistance you can give me. Send me papers and tracts for distribution, and I will place them in the hands of those who are willing to learn the truth. There are many things in relation to Koreshan Science I wish to learn—thousands of questions I would like to ask, but I will be patient and learn as it comes to me through THE SWORD and other sources until I can meet the Founder of the System. I feel drawn to him more and more every day.—N.C.M., Kingston, Tex.

The Flaming Sword as an Advertising Medium.

THE FLAMING SWORD, Chicago, is running an ad for the INDEX, and we are well pleased with results. We have received requests for our paper from nearly every state, as well as from Canada and England, on account of that same ad.—*Osteopathic Index*.

As for myself, I would pay \$5 a year rather than be without THE SWORD. I look forward to the coming of each issue as a hungry man for a meal, and I am sorry when I have finished the paper. I like its features of THE SWORD, and I only wish it contained 50 pages instead of 16. Oh, how I look to see that wonderful sixteen-page! THE SWORD is ever on the increase in interest, and each number is better than the preceding. No other paper like it in the world to me!—R. H. L., Malta Bend, Mo.

I prize THE FLAMING SWORD more and more. I think you have indeed set the standard high, and last week's issue seemed to come up very nearly if not quite to the mark! I am waiting with what patience I may, to see the transformation of page sixteen. Indeed, I am in a state of expectancy from the time I finish one paper until I receive the next.—Mrs. M.B., New Castle, Pa.

THE FLAMING SWORD, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, is an ordained journal of God to lead the nations of the earth from error to holiness. The truth shall make us free—it is mighty and must prevail. THE FLAMING SWORD will have some hard battles to fight and win, and will be more than conqueror in the end.—W. A., Turbotville, Pa.

I cannot too highly commend the series of articles issuing from the pen of Rev. E. M. Castle. Let the voice of the Vala be heard in our land until the deep mysteries of God are revealed to all. Her voice is music of such wonderfully refined and elevating tone that the alluring songs of the sirens are lost in harmony divine.—M. G. W., Terre Hill, Pa.

THE SWORD did not come in the morning mail as it usually does, and I am so disappointed; I can hardly wait from one week to another for it; it is my constant companion and strength. I read it, every word, over and over again.—Mrs. E. G. R., Kalamazoo, Mich.

THE FLAMING SWORD is looked for eagerly each week; the last one was a marvelous eye-opener to me, especially the words from the pen of KORESH.—W. H. H., Hubbard, Minn.

Chat With Readers.

"Hastening to the Inevitable Vortex," from the pen of KORESH, raises the prophetic voice concerning the end of the age. The world pulsates rapidly under the stimulus of the war spirit, which will result in the creation of an anthropotic vortex preparatory to the destruction of the old order and the construction of the new. Dispensations begin and end through conflict of powers in the settlement of great issues. The greatest problem of all ages will find its actual solution in the greatest of all conflicts. Read also "All in the Interests of Peace," a lucid discussion of the Americo-Hispano-Cubana embroglio.

We want volunteers to assist in the circulation of THE FLAMING SWORD and the NEW GEODESY. The astronomical and geodetic work will soon be ready—thousands will be issued for the first edition, and they should go everywhere. The work is just the thing for circulation among your friends, and among all classes of thinkers. It will attract the school-boy, as well as the astronomer in the observatory! We want agents; our terms are liberal! We supply circulars, blanks, etc., free. Send now for a general outfit, so you will be prepared immediately after we are ready for vigorous work.

THE FLAMING SWORD has a circulation among progressive minds. We are exchanging advertisements with a number of Journals, and THE SWORD is being thoroughly advertised. Other papers are appreciating the benefit of THE SWORD advertising. We quote as follows from the *Osteopathic Index*, Ottawa, Kansas: "THE FLAMING SWORD, Chicago, is running an ad. for the *Index*, and we are pleased with results. We have received requests for our paper from nearly every state, as well as from Canada and England, from that same ad."

"Mercury, the Divine Messenger," the subject of conversation between the Girl and the Vala, is of special interest. Our readers are all pleased with this series of articles by Rev. E. M. Castle, and we have

received a number of complimentary expressions concerning the character of her excellent productions. "The Girl and the Vals" has become a special and valuable feature of THE SWORD. There is nothing like it in any other journal; it is superior because it contains truth, and it is not a whit behind in points of literary merit.

The Sixteenth page is here to stay!

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The World's News.

Wednesday, March 30.—Nation in a ferment awaiting action of McKinley.—Warships and garrisons awaiting orders for movement against Spain.—Congress clamoring for political supremacy over President, cabinet, and Wall Street.—Powder mills at Sycamore, Tenn., explode.—Sensar Mastiff crushed by ice; crew of 200 men rescued by Algerine.—10,000 Cubans at Tampa, Fla., pledge support of insurgents.

Sagasta burned in effigy at mass meeting of 3,000 people, at Valparaiso, Ind.—Ice trust formed in Chicago with \$3,000,000 capital.—Chinese question bristk again; Russia in the ascendancy over England.

Thursday.—Ex-president Harrison is for war.—Americans preparing to flee from Havana.—Severe earthquake shocks in California.—McKinley hanged in effigy at Newport, R. I.—Vigorous protests against McKinley's policy of delay.—Seamen's union wants to help Cuba.—Days' blizzard in Montana.—Mayor of Chicago after street railways for violation of fender ordinance.—Cuban supply store opens in Chicago.

Friday.—All fools' day.—250,000 women of General Federation of women's clubs announce to McKinley that they favor intervention for Cuba.—Report that Spain has reached the limit of concessions, and will not free Cuba.—North central association of colleges and schools meets in Chicago.—Chicago carpenters threaten to strike.—Cuban Junta denies that Congressmen hold Cuban bonds.—Sagasta replies to McKinley; says in substance, Let Cubans surrender and you feed our prisoners of war.—Salvation Army Booth bids farewell to Chicago; Moody leaves the city.—Congress impatient at McKinley's delay.—Senator Lodge presents bill to purchase St. Thomas Island from Denmark.—Bryan favors war.

Saturday.—Offer of France to aid as mediator to prevent war over Cuba, rejected by U. S.—Report that Spanish torpedo flotilla arrived at Porto Rico doubted and denied.—U. S. cruiser Minneapolis joins the flying squadron at Hampton roads.—Minneapolis man wants to introduce X-ray surgery in case of war.—Cuban insurgents offer services to U. S.—Prospects of war rise and fall with the stock markets.—Big fire raging in Lincoln, Neb.—W. C. Brann, editor of *Iconoclast*, Vaco, Tex., dies from pistol shot in street duel.

Sunday.—Spanish Cabinet divided as to war policy.—Queen regent of Spain fears war and revolution, and prepares to flee with young King.—President preparing new message to Congress.—Diplomatic correspondence between Spain and U. S. ceased.—McKinley's message accompanying report of naval board declared by many to be weak and evasive.—Diaz will

prevent Spain from raising troops in Mexico.—Gladstone reported better.—McKinley honors Sigbee at Washington reception.—U. S. rapidly supplying warships with food for emergency battles.—Strikers in New Bedford, Mass., in distress after eleven weeks' strike.—Coin Harvey seriously ill at a Chicago hospital.—Zola's sentence is quashed; cannot be enforced.

Monday.—Pope of Rome endeavors to influence Spain to yield to demands of U. S.—Levee breaks at Shawneetown, Ill., and town destroyed; hundreds reported lost.—Cowboys and Sioux Indians determined to fight with Cubans.—Federation of Labor wants murder of Maine crew avenged.—Movement on foot to unite all Methodist churches into one great federation.

Tuesday.—Hanna and other agents of the money power endeavoring to prevent Congress declaring war.—Chicago church treasurer arrested for embezzling \$3,600 church funds.—Senators plead for Cuba and protest against delay of administration.—Fleet of American vessels goes to Cuba to take away Americans.—Red cross society will operate in Cuba in event of war.—Offers of mediation for peace rejected by all parties concerned.—1,100 cotton-mill operatives strike at Norwich, Conn., because of reduction of wages.—Dr. Briggs applies for admission into Episcopal church.

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A Few Facts From History.

The whole territory of Peru was divided into three parts, one for the sun, another for the Incas, and the last for the people. The lands assigned to the Sun furnished a revenue to support the temples and costly ceremonies of the Peruvian worship. Those reserved for the Incas went to support the royal state as well as the numerous members of his household and his kindred, and supplied the various exigencies of the government. The remainder of the land was divided per capita among the people in equal shares.

It was provided by law that every Peruvian should marry at a certain age. When this event took place the community in which he lived furnished him with a dwelling. A lot of ground was then assigned to him sufficient for his own maintenance and that of his wife, an additional portion was granted for every child. The divisions were renewed every year, and the possessions of the tenant were increased or diminished according to the number of his family.

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mand it. Lastly they cultivated the lands of the Incas, which was done with great ceremony by the whole population in a body. The different provinces furnished persons peculiarly suited to different employments. One district supplied those most skilled in working the mines, another the most curious workers in metals or in wood, etc., etc. The artisan was provided by the government with materials, and no one was required to give more than a stipulated portion of his time to the public service; he was then succeeded by another for a like term. All who were engaged in the employ of the government, agricultural laborers as well, were maintained for the time at public expense. By this constant rotation of labor it was intended that no one should be overburdened and that each man should have time to provide for the demands of his own household.

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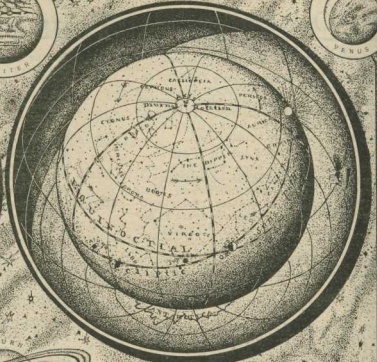
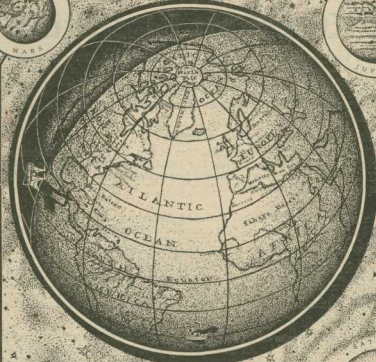
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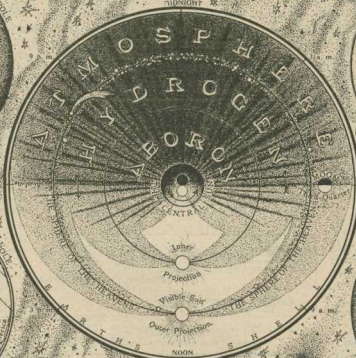
In the Hollow of His Hand.
The Heavens in the Earth.



Summer Solstice, June 21.
Continuous Day at the North Pole, and Long Night within the Antarctic Circle.

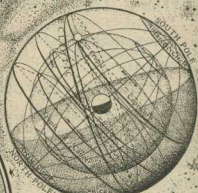


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The Cause of Day and Night.

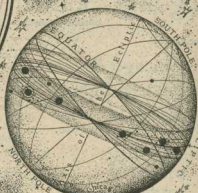
Trans-Sectional View of the Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, with the Sun as the Perpetual Pivot and Pole, The Southern Hemisphere of the Cell.



Winter Solstice, Dec. 21.
Continuous Day at the South Pole, and Long Night within the Arctic Circle.



Actual Position of the Universe, and Tilt of Planet From Sol.



Zodiac and Orbit of Planetary Discs in the Earth's Shell.



SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE EARTH'S CRUST, 100 Miles in thickness, showing the Strata.



View of Metallic Strata or Firmament, showing Mercurial Discs between the Plates.

The Cellular Cosmogony or Koreshan Astronomy.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED, OF CHICAGO.

The Earth is a stationary Concave Cell about 8,000 miles in diameter, with people, Suns, Moon, Planets, and Stars on the inside, the whole constituting the only physical Universe in existence. It is an Alchemico Organic Structure, a Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, the Central Sun being the Positive Pole, and the Earth the Negative Elements of the Cell. The Universe involves the laws and functions of its own perpetuity, and is Eternal. All Life is Cellular within the cell, we inhabit the Earth. Koreshan Cosmogony compares with all facts of Astronomical, Geographical, Geological, and Alchemical research, and International Geodetic Survey, Experimentation and Navigation. It interprets all Ancient Legends, Mythologies, and Bibles, and furnishes the basis of all Reason and Science, the premise of the true Theology, Theocracy, and Social Economy.